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**Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee
Monday, March 8, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Blatt Room 110**

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Attendance

- I. The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV on Monday, March 8, 2021, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. Subcommittee members include Representative Gil Gatch; Representative Rosalyn Henderson-Myers; and Representative Timothy (Tim) McGinnis. All members of the Subcommittee, except Representative McGinnis, were present for either all or a portion of the meeting. Representative Gatch participated virtually via Microsoft Teams. Representative McGinnis was absent attending to constituent business in Horry County.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

- II. Representative Henderson-Myers moves to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020, meeting. Chair West notes the July 28, 2020, was a high-level overview of agency operations. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Gatch	✓		
Rep. Henderson-Myers	✓		
Rep. McGinnis			Not Present
Rep. West	✓		

Discussion of the Department of Health and Human Services

- I. Chair West swears in Mr. T. Clark Phillip, Jr., Acting Director ; Ms. Nicole Threatt, Deputy Director of Eligibility, Enrollment and Member Services; and Mr. Julius Covington, Policy Analyst.
- II. Other agency leadership present at the meeting include:
 - a. Ms. Jenny Stirling, Legislative Liaison;
 - b. Mr. Jeff Leieritz, Director of External Affairs; and;
 - c. Ms. Lori Risk, Policy and Process Director;
- III. Ms. Threatt provides comments related to eligibility for South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid, including:
 - a. Purpose – mission, principles, and goals;
 - b. Program Evaluation Report Information;
 - c. agency eligibility overview;
 - d. organizational structure;
 - e. eligibility operations;
 - f. Medicaid benefits and funding;
 - g. basis of eligibility;
 - h. application and review process;
 - i. appeals process;

- j. agency data;
- k. COVID-19 impact; and
- l. initiatives and outlook.

IV. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:

- a. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program;
- b. Resource limits;
- c. Comparison of South Carolina's Medicaid with other states;;
- d. Staffing levels;;
- e. Communication with other federal and state agencies;;
- f. Specialty categories;

Mr. Phillip, Mss. Threatt, and Mr. Covington respond to those questions.

V. Subcommittee members note questions to include in a follow up letter to the agency.

Conclusion

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.